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FOR SEELYE FROM MURPHY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT LE

SUBJ: AUH

1. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE HAD GOOD LUCK SO FAR IN SENDING SUPPLIES TO YOU IN OUR TRUCK AND EXCELLENT COOPERATION FROM THE MINISTER OF HEALTH INCLUDING FACILITATING THE PURCHASE BY AUH DRIVER OF BLOOD HANDLING SUPPLIES FROM SYRIAN ARMY STOCKS. IN THE MINISTER'S CASE, THERE IS A DEEP WELL OF GOODWILL FOR AUH ON WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO DRAW. THE MINISTERS OF ECONOMY AND TRANSPORT HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY COOPERATIVE.

2. I WANT TO FLAG, HOWEVER, MY CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBLE RPT POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE SYRIAN LEADERSHIP OF STORIES THAT AUH IS PERFORCE HAVING TO FAVOR PALESTINIAN AND LEFTIST FIGHTERS OVER ALL OTHER WAR VICTIMS. PATIENT ADMISSIONS ARE ALLEGEDLY BEING DONE UNDER THE GUNS OF FEDAYEEN GUARDS STATIONED AT THE HOSPITAL WHO HAVE, ACCORDING TO SOME REPORTS, EXCLUDED THE SERIOUSLY ILL AND/OR INJURED WHO DO NOT FIT INTO THE PALESTINIAN/LEFTIST CATEGORIES.

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3. I DOUBT ANY SYRIAN WOULD SERIOUSLY TRY TO ARGUE WITH

US THAT FOREGOING REPRESENTED HOSPITAL POLICY. BUT  
I WOULD FIND IT MOST VALUABLE IF YOU COULD GET FROM  
DR ASPER SOME FACTS ABOUT RECENT PATIENT WORKLOAD WHICH  
WE CAN USE TO BAT DOWN ANY SUCH STORIES THAT AUH HAS  
BEEN TURNED INTO JUST A FIELD HOSPITAL FOR PALESTINIAN  
AND LEFTIST FIGHTERS.  
MURPHY

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